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For

SELECTIVE METALLISATION OF NUCLEIC ACIDS VIA METAL

NANOPARTICLES PRODUCED IN SITU

Examiner

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Dear Sir:

Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application.

No additional fee is required.

The fee has been calculated as shown below.

This is an application of a small entity under 37 CFR 1.9(f), and the amounts shown in parentheses apply.

Claims as Amended

(1)	(2) Claims remaining after amendment	(3)	(4) Highest number previously paid for	(5) Present extra	(6) Rate	(7) Additional Fee
Total claims	23	Minus	** =24	* 0 x	\$50 (25)	= \$ 0
Independent claims	2	Minus	***=3	* 0 x	\$200(100)	= \$ 0
		Total additional fee for this amendment				\$ 0

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- If the highest number of total claims previously paid for is less than 20, write "20" in this space.
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- This application contains a multiple dependent claim. The required fee of \$360(180) has been previously paid \Box , or is paid herewith \Box .
- This response is being filed within the first month following the expiration of the term originally set therefor. This is a petition to request a one month extension of time. A check covering the cost of the petition is enclosed.
- A check in the amount of \$120.00 is attached, which covers the cost of \square additional claims \underline{X} petition for extension of time.
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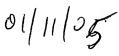
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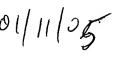
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AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 PETITION FOR EXTENSIION OF TIME

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Dear Sir:

In response to the Final Office Action mailed on September 8, 2004, Applicants

hereby petition for a one-month extension of time, extending the period for response to January

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10, 2005 (January 8, 2005 being a Saturday). A check in the amount of \$120.00 is enclosed as payment of the fee. The Examiner is respectfully requested to amend the above-identified application as follows.

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Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 4 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 10 of this paper.

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